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FALL RIVER MAN ARRAIGNED ON STATUTORY RAPE, INDECENT ASSAULT AND BATTERY AND POSSESSION OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES

BROCKTON – A Fall River man has been arraigned on charges he raped and indecently assaulted a female victim he met online, Plymouth County District Attorney Timothy J. Cruz announced today.

George M. Wamboldt (DOB: 09/22/82) of Fall River, was arraigned in Wareham District Court on one count each of Statutory Rape of a Child, Indecent Assault and Battery on a Person 14 or Over and Possession of Child Pornography. The Commonwealth requested Wamboldt be held on \$50,000 cash bail. Judge Thomas Kirkman set bail at \$10,000 with the restrictions that Wamboldt wear an electronic GPS monitoring bracelet and to stay away and have no contact with the victim, should he be released.

The investigation began on October 15, when Rochester Police were contacted about an allegation of a female juvenile rape in that town. Through their investigation, police discovered that Wamboldt had an ongoing and sexually explicit conversation with the underage victim online. The charges allege that between September 22, 2015 and October 6, 2015, numerous graphic text messages with conversation and pictures were exchanged between Wamboldt and the victim. The charges additionally allege that Wamboldt sexually assaulted her on one occasion in the town of Rochester and on another occasion in Fall River.

Wamboldt was arrested in Derry, N.H. this past Saturday while visiting family. He waived his extradition at a hearing held in Derry on Monday and was returned to Massachusetts by Rochester Police for arraignment this afternoon.

The investigation is ongoing. Wamboldt is next scheduled to appear in court on November 20, 2015.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney Amanda Fowle and is being investigated by the Rochester Police Department.

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